

CLEAN VERSION OF EACH REPLACEMENT SECTION/CLAIM

In the Claims

Kindly cancel Claims 34-37 without prejudice and with right of re-entry into this application or any other appropriate application.

Please add the following new Claims 41-52.

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41. A personal care absorbent article, comprising:

- (a) a front portion including opposing first and second lateral side portions (51, 53) defining respective first and second lateral side edges, and a central section (61) defining a fastening area between the first and second lateral side portions, first and second fault lines being disposed between the fastening area and the respective first and second lateral side portions, the first and second fault lines precluding material of the front portion from independently supporting integrity of the front portion across the fault lines;
- (b) a rear portion including an outer rear edge;
- (c) a crotch portion extending between said front portion and said rear portion; and
- (d) first and second fasteners releasably secured to the fastening area, and non-releasably secured to the first and second lateral side portions of the front portion.

42. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein said fault lines are cut lines having no front portion material extending across the fault lines.

43. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein said fault lines comprise lines of perforations.

44. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein said fasteners comprise hook-type fasteners engageable with loop material at said fastening area.

45. A personal care article as in Claim 41, said first and second fasteners providing at least partial support of integrity of the front portion across the fault lines.

46. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein the fastening area comprises a separate and distinct patch of fastening material (40) affixed to an underlying web (26).

47. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein the fastening area is integral with a front surface of the central section (61) of the front portion.

48. A personal care article as in Claim 41 and including floating portions (47) of said fasteners between outer said lateral side portions and a central portion of said central section.

49. A personal care article as in Claim 41, a floating portion of each said fastener being disposed, from the respective fault line, inwardly toward a central portion of said front portion, and being unattached to said front portion inwardly of the respective fault line.

*a* | 50. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein each said fault line comprises an array of apertures representing removal of bits of web material.

51. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein each said fault line comprises material of said front portion crushed in a line pattern.

52. A personal care article as in Claim 41 wherein said lateral side portions are breakably attached to said central section along said fault lines.

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